MOTOR BOAT BELONGING TO THE CENTRAL BANK OF INDIA—PURCHASE BY GOVERNMENT

190. Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Will Government be pleased to state whether they have purchased the motor boat belonging to the Central Bank of India, and if the answer is in the affirmative, will Government kindly inform the House what the investment has cost Government?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Yes. Rs. 3,200 is the price paid.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* When exactly was the boat purchased?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* About a month back.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know when exactly the company purchased the boat?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* 2 years ago.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know whether the Government had to spend any money after the purchase?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* It may be about 5 or 10 rupees.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know why exactly this boat was purchased?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* For fishery purposes. The boat in use was too old and not sea-worthy. The department wanted either to repair it or to buy a new boat. This was offered at a very reasonable price, and I thought it would be a good bargain and I recommended to the Diwan that it would be a good bargain.

Mr. Ismail Hajee Issa Sait *(Mattancheri):* Was it inspected by any expert?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes. It was inspected by the Chief Engineer and the Secretary to Government. Of course, the Secretary to Government is a layman.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know whether the Government did not notice that there was necessity for a new fishery boat at the beginning of the year?

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Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes. Naturally those who are in charge of public funds are averse to spend money. I told them to carry on for another year.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattacheri):* Does the Government know the original cost of this boat?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Nearly Rs. 6,000.

Mr. Ismail Hajee Issa Sait *(Mattancheri):* This boat was built in our company. The Minister's information is wrong, I think. It is about Rs. 4,500.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* At the same time, I may say to get a new boat of this kind, it would cost Rs. 6000 today.

Mr. President: I think there was an offer made by the Madras Government.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development).* Yes.

ABHEDANANDA SARVAKALA VILASAM SANSKRIT SCHOOL—AID TO

191. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Abhedananda Sarvakala Vilasam Sanskrit School, Pottore, is a recognised educational institution;

(*b*) its strength;

(*c*) when was it started;

(*d*) whether Government is giving any aid or grant to this institution?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 20 (13 boys and 7 girls).

(*c*) In 1112.

(*d*) No.

MAHARAJA'S COLLEGE—VISIT BY PUPILS OF NAMBUDIRI SADANAM—REFUSAL OF PERMISSION

192. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്കു ദയവായി ഗവൺമെണ്ട് മറുപടി പറയുമോ.—

(*a*) ഇരിഞ്ഞാലക്കുടയിലെ നമ്പൂതിരി സദനത്തിലെ വിദ്യാർത്ഥിനികൾ മഹാരാജാസ് കോളേജ് സന്ദർശിക്കാൻ പ്രിൻസിപ്പാളി

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